

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge with gratitude the allowance of the previously-presented claims 39-42, 44-47, 50-51, 56-57, 60-66, 68, 71-80, 111-173. By this amendment, Applicants have added new claims 174-194. Accordingly, claims 39-42, 44-47, 50-51, 56-57, 60-66, 68, 71-80, 111-194 remain pending.

On July 26, Applicants submitted a 312 Amendment for a minor change to claim 160. In this RCE, Applicants assume that the 312 Amendment has been entered.

All the pending claims should be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

In the event that the Examiner, upon reconsideration, determines that an action other than an allowance is appropriate, the Examiner is requested and authorized to telephone Applicants' representative below prior to taking such action, if the Examiner feels that such a telephone call will advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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